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SITUATION REPORT NO. 35

SITUATION AS OF 0600 EDT, 04/13/94

• (U) There has been renewed heavy fighting in Kigali this morning between the Rwandan military and the RPF, but it appears that the RPF has not yet joined up with the 600-strong rebel contingent which had moved into the city in December 1993 under the Arusha accords. Ethnic violence continues in the city. Some of the interim Rwandan government has reportedly moved out of Kigali to Gitarama, approximately 40 kilometers from the capital, although the interim President was still in Kigali this morning. (Reuter/telcon TF/Embassy Bujumbura)

• (U) The French have completed evacuation of their nationals from Rwanda, but many Belgians remain in the country. Although press reports speak of thousands of refugees fleeing into Tanzania, Zaire, and Uganda, ICRC has noted little outflow of Rwandan refugees into neighboring countries. Thousands are departing Kigali for Gitarama, Butare, and the countryside. (Reuter/BBC/ICRC)

• (C) Security Council informal consultations on UNAMIR will continue today. There may be a NAM move to reinforce UNAMIR. (USUN 1526)

• (LOU) Although Burundi remains calm, Embassy Bujumbura continues to plan departure for dependents and non-essential employees. This process is slowed by heavy demand for flights out of Bujumbura by Rwanda evacuees. Commercial flights on April 14, 16, and 17 will remove a total of 27 American employees and dependents. Bujumbura has been instructed to begin reducing classified holdings as a precautionary measure. (Bujumbura 1249/State 96590)


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